

MINUTES OF  
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 4, 2022  
Zoom Meeting

**WELCOME AND OPEN:** Meeting opened by Samaira at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer.

**TWELVE TRADITIONS:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Heather L

**ROLL CALL:** 18 in attendance of which 11 attendees were voting members.

EXECUTIVE (4)	COMMITTEES (6)	CSR (9)	ALT CSR/OBSERVERS (4)
Chair – Samaira G	Telephone – Michael A	Zeta S -Colby Village	Mary W -observer; District 1 representative
Co-Chair – position vacant	Help Email – not present	Paul B - Back to Basics	Toby H - observer
Treasurer – Foster L	Newsletter - not present	Becca H- Downtown Dartmouth alt CSR	Wayne O - observer
Secretary – Emily S	Hospital Visitation – Gilles D	Garth M - Sunrise Group	Neale - Fresh Start
	Treatment - Sharman M	Joan M - Keep it Simple	Mark B - Four Seasons
	CPC - position vacant	Rachael S - Sunday Night Serenity	
	Literature – position vacant; Michael A volunteer		
	Corrections - not present		
	Webmaster - Heather L		
	Mid-Winter – Emily S		
	Public Information - not present		
	Entertainment – position vacant		
	Bridging the Gap - not present		

7th Tradition: \*Please email Central Service meeting 7th tradition contribution and group contributions to: **treasurer.aahalifax@gmail.com** \*Please put a note along with your transfer as to what the donation is for and which group you represent.

Contributions can also be mailed to:  
Central Service, RPO Gladstone, PO Box 31338, Halifax NS B3K 5Z1

**CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

- Christmas Social

- Contributions to GSO and Area 82 (Foster L)

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Heather L, seconded by Zeta S.  
All in favour. Motion passed.

## **MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Motion to approve the September 2022 minutes made by Joan M , seconded by Heather L. No errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion passed.

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

### **SECRETARY:**

Hello, it was a quiet month for secretarial duties. I sent out a notice regarding our literature committee (bookstore closed but open by appointment with volunteer Michael A) and since then have been busy making plans for the 2023 mid winter round up with our terrific team. I look forward to reporting on this later in the meeting. Thank you.

### **TREASURER:**

We continue to be in a good financial position and at this time I would recommend we consider making a contribution to GSO in the amount of \$2500.00 and to Area in the amount of \$1500.00. This will leave us with a decent carry-forward to 2023 while allowing us to support the needs of AA beyond our committee. I have asked that this be placed under new business for a motion and vote as it is not in our approved budget.

The insurance renewal will be in soon and I will work with Emily to get a copy of it to all groups, along with an invoice for the group premium.

I attended the credit union and purchased a US money order to pay the outstanding invoices for literature. We now owe for the last order submitted (invoice not received yet) plus \$79 tax I missed on a prior invoice. (\$1500 money order - they charged over \$500 exchange rate)

I attended the picnic in the park and had a great time; my congratulations to Samaira and her husband for a job well done.

I am available anytime to answer any questions you may have throughout the month.

Yours in Service, Foster L, Treasurer

\*see Appendix A

Question - Mary W - How much is left of the budget not spent yet?

Answer- Probably 80% of it - no invoices have come in from several sub committees as of yet, and I am allowing for enough money to cover all that. Within the \$12000 budget we include a \$3000 carry over for next year.

Q- What does sales Square mean?

A - It's an electronic program so people can pay by credit card.

**CO-CHAIR:**

Position not filled at this time.

**CHAIR:**

Welcome. I was able to attend District 1 workshop on unity. It was wonderful to see how the service structure works for the whole of AA, and also how each area, district and central service are able to run their committees a little differently for each of their needs.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CPC:** no chairperson at this time

**CORRECTIONS:** no report at this time

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

CS chair: The picnic was wonderful. We met people from far away who just moved to Canada and brought their families. This was great opportunity for fellowship. Cost was \$45.39 for the space and the 7th tradition donation was \$113 - we were left with over \$87 and that's why there was no invoice to Central Service. No volunteers have come forward for Halloween dance.

Comment: Paul B and several others have offered to help set up the Halloween dance. This event will go forward.

**HELP EMAIL:**

no report at this time

**HOSPITAL VISITATION:**

Good evening everyone. September was quiet at HVC. Brian M had a knee operation - Wayne O and Doug M are in communication with him. Steve M had a visit from them as well and our friend Gerard from Sagewood is on zoom at the PEI meeting on a regular basis. Yours truly, Gilles D, Hospital Visitation

**LITERATURE:**

Good evening friends. I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to help out in the bookstore over the last month.

I met with Joshua, all information and money were given to me on Sept 12, 2022. and on September 13th, I put all monies and cheques in the CUA account. \$1,491.10 . Here is a breakdown of what has been going on over the last month.

<b>LITERATURE STORE</b>		
<b>REVENUES:</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>NOTES:</b>

Cheques / Cash Transfer	\$1,491.10	Turned over by Joshua
Cheques	\$529.00	3 Cheques
Square:	\$518.00	6 Transactions
Not Cashed	\$90.00	Deposit This Week (Cheque)
Orders on Hold		\$99.00 (Amherst Group)
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$2,628.10</b>	
<b>EXPENSES: PROJECTIONS: NOTES:</b>		
Payments for literature	\$1,566.31	USD (Still owe Taxes (Last Bill -\$79)
Owed as of October 3	\$1,802.43	USD (Includes past taxes owed
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$3,368.74</b>	
<b>Revenue/Expenses</b>	<b>-\$740.64</b>	<b>Deposited</b>

Was a great opportunity to fill all our back orders and to have placed a new order into NY.  
 \*Foster to hold off on Final payment to watch US Exchange rate which is very high right now.

Right now the store is fully stocked with most important information.

Please let your groups know about the Sale on Grapevine Books Reg \$17.00 Now \$10.00 or 3 for \$20.00.

I wish the new Literature chair great success and I would be more than willing to sit down and go over the operation.

Yours in Service, Michael A, Literature Support

Q- What about differences between Foster's and Michael's numbers?

A - There are service charges for Square transactions which weren't showing on one report but did show on the other.

**MID-WINTER ROUND-UP:**

We have had a productive start to our initial Mid Winter Round Up preparations. We had a good meeting on Sept 18 with our full committee. The theme for the round up will be: Together Again. We have secured the Woodlawn church for February 4 and this location solves a number of problems which came up when we were looking at Cole Harbour Place venue; we now have ample room for more than 400 participants, and the church has a catering group who has offered to prepare an affordable meal for us. Once we have finalized a price for the meal, we will make a final decision on registration fee and banquet fee. We also have a separate space for socializing and will be able to serve coffee, tea sweets and soft drinks. Our hospitality committee is looking for groups to volunteer to operate our two coffee stations at two-hour intervals throughout the day. Please ask your group if they would be willing to volunteer their time to help us in this way. We will be able to host a dance until midnight. Our program committee has drafted an initial early flyer and a member with design experience has offered to assist with design and printing for our flyers and programs. We have an appointment with the

bank coming up for the new signing officers. We are very excited about this venue and we feel the event will be a wonderful and fun way to come together again. Please contact me if you are able to assist in any way. Thank you, Emily S

**NEWSLETTER:**

Just a reminder that meeting notices / updates should be sent to both the Webmaster (Webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com) and the Newsletter (Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com) to ensure your message is communicated to the AA community. Newsletter submissions for October should be submitted to Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of October 2022.

Thanks, Mike

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** no report at this time

**TELEPHONE:**

All is going well with the phones. I have received the new binders and are getting them all updated to be replace our older ones.

We are still in need of day phone support. Please bring back to your groups.

Thanks, Michael A, Phone Chair

Q- Back to Basics Group wanted to know if we could list two months of phone rotation in the newsletter instead of just one month?

**TREATMENT:**

Today was a beautiful sunny day. All is going well with the Treatment facilities and scheduling. The meeting at the Marguerite Center on the first week of September was cancelled due to Covid. There was a meeting there at the end of September. I understand there hasn't been a lot of attendance at the meetings in the Detox facility. I will be contacting the manager soon to discuss that issue. Perhaps more encouragement for the patients is required. Thank you all for your service. Sharman M

Q- Is there a meeting at detox on Thursdays too? A - No, not anymore.

**WEBMASTER:**

Not much to report this month. I have done the usual web maintenance during the month; update plug-ins, meeting changes, post minutes, newsletter, workshop flyers, announcements, etc.

Yours in service,

Heather

Item for New Business at November Central Service meeting: Discuss Central Service guidelines item 12.

**BRIDGING THE GAP:** no report at this time

**DISTRICT 1:**

No report at this time.

Note: The assembly is coming up in Sydney - please send a representative from your group.

**DISTRICT 2:**

The month of September was busy with Area 82 and District 2 business.

Updates from GSO:

- The deadline for nominations for Trustees'-at-Large/Canada is January 1, 2023
- AAWS has extended their Mixed-Title Quantity Discount on literature until December 31, 2022
- AAWS is still experiencing printing delays and backorders on some literature

Updates from Area 82:

- The monthly Active Area Committee meeting is open to anyone who is actively carrying, or is interested in carrying the message of AA Recovery through committee activities
- District 4 is hosting the Lighthouse Round Up Fellowship Day on Saturday October 22 at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre
- The Fall Assembly on October 7-8 in Sydney is still a go but the meeting venue has changed

District 2 held their September meeting in person with three groups represented

- Their next regular monthly meeting is October 16 at 2pm at Club 24
- District 2 will be holding elections in October for the 2023-2024 Executive, so please reach out to me if interested in a position

Yours in Service,  
Blair A.  
DCM District 2

**AREA 82:** no report at this time

**APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS**

A motion was made by Michael A to approve the reports, it was seconded by Sharman M. All in favour; motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Christmas Social:**

Did anyone have updates on who would like to host this year? Please bring it back to your groups and consider hosting, there is a start up fund of \$400. It's a wonderful way to come together.

**- Central Service Elections:**

- Central Service Co-Chair : no nominations

Sub Committee elections held by Mary W District 1 and Foster L (standing in for District 2):

- CPC - no nominations
- Corrections - no nominations
- Entertainment - no nominations
- Help Email - no nominations
- Literature - no nominations
- Public Information - no nominations
- Telephone - no nominations
- Treatment - no nominations
  
- Hospital Visitation - Wayne O nominated - all in favour; Wayne elected
  
- Newsletter - Mark B nominated - all in favour; Mark elected
  
- Webmaster - Heather L nominated - all in favour; Heather elected

\* Please take to your groups that we need volunteers to chair several committees.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Donations to GSO and Area - foster L**

Considering where we stand financially, I think it would be a goof idea to make donations at this time. It's not in the approved budget, so we should discuss and make a motion.

Q - Do you know if Area has a need for money at this time? A - No not necessarily, I understand they are not in a bad financial situation, i just wanted to keep some money in the region rather than sending it all away. Normally we have it in our budget to send a good amount out.

Heather L made a motion to send GSO \$2500 and send Area 82 \$1500. Seconded by Gilles D.

- 10 in favour
- against: 0
- abstain 2
- motion passed

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GROUPS**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Michael A , seconded by Joan M.

Meeting adjournment at 8:15PM with the Responsibility Pledge.

**Next meeting November 1, 2022 at 7 PM on zoom.**

## Appendix A

September 2022

### Operating Account

<u>Opening Bank Balance</u>	\$12326.26
Credits	\$300.00
Debits	\$606.01
<u>Closing Bank balance</u>	<u>\$12020.25</u>
Cheques Outstanding	\$288.82
<u>Closing Operating balance</u>	<u>\$11731.43</u>

### Prudent Reserve Account

Opening balance	\$4899.46
Closing balance	<u>\$4900.47</u>

### Literature Account

<u>Opening Balance</u>	\$3754.81
Credits	\$2524.66
Debits	\$2103.54
<u>Closing balance</u>	<u>\$4175.93</u>